

# T0: Multitask Prompt Training

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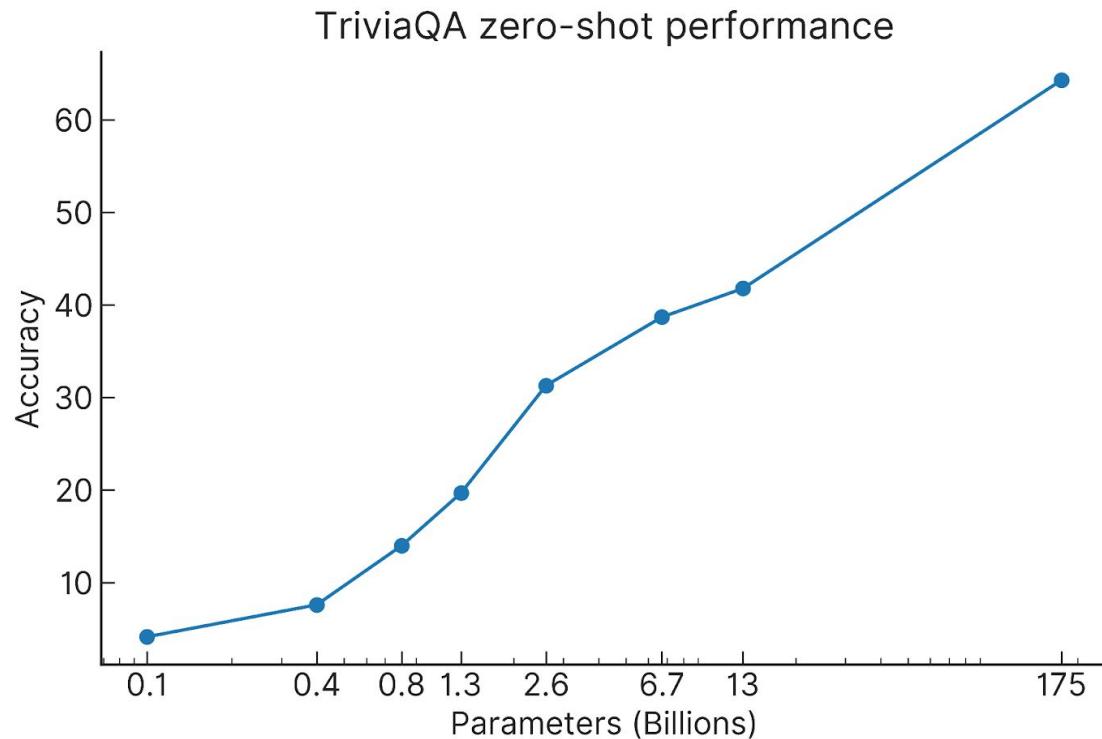


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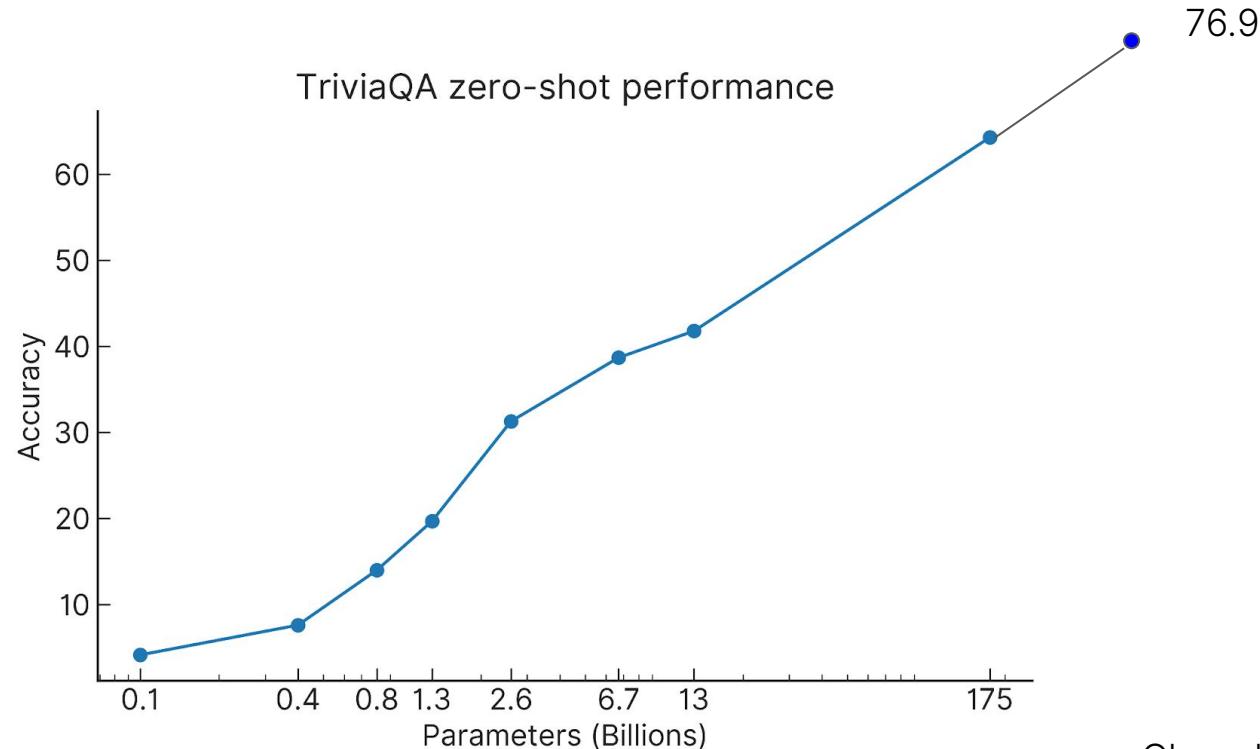
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# Language Models are Few-Shot Learners



Brown et al. 2000

# PaLM: Scaling Language Modeling with Pathways



# Zero-Shot

Q: '*Nude Descending A Staircase*' is perhaps the most famous painting by which 20th century artist?

A: ....

# Prompt Template

Q: {Question}

A: {Answer}

# Few-Shot

Q: Which President of the Philippines was deposed in 1986?

A: Marcos

Q: Who was president of the USA at the outbreak of World War I?

A: Wilson

Q: '*Nude Descending A Staircase*' is perhaps the most famous painting by which 20th century artist?

A: ...

# Today's Talk

- "Multitask prompted training enables zero-shot task generalization"
- Punchline ->

Training on many NLP tasks improves generalization to new unseen tasks.
- Artifact ->

T0 - A smaller model with strong zero-shot prompting abilities

# Outline

- Preliminary Work
  - Datasets
  - How many data points is a prompt worth
- T0
- Context: BigScience

# Preliminary Work: Datasets



(Lhoest et al, 2021)

# Datasets: Tour of the library



```
from datasets import load_dataset

dataset = load_dataset("boolq")

# Each dataset has a features schema and metadata.

print(dataset.features, dataset.info)

# Any slice of data points can be accessed directly without loading the full dataset into memory.

dataset["train"][start:end]

# Processing can be applied to every data point in a batched and parallel fashion using standard li-
# braries such as NumPy or Torch.

tokenized = dataset.map(tokenize, num_proc=32)
```

# Datasets: Internals

Apache Arrow:

- language-independent columnar memory format
- memory-mapping to load terabytes of data without using RAM
- zero-copy reads for fast data access without serialization overhead
  - <1ms latency even on billion-scale datasets
  - end-to-end zero-copy to deep-learning frameworks



\*jax not fully end-to-end

# Dataset cards

- document the datasets
  - community-driven
  - dynamic
  - search by task/lang/etc.
- 
- standardized types
  - get feature names
  - types across dataset

Dataset: elis5

Tasks: abstractive-qa open-domain-qa Task Categories: question-answering Languages: en Multilinguality: monolingual

Language Creators: found Annotations Creators: no-annotation Source Datasets: original

<b>Dataset Structure</b> Data Instances Data Fields Data Splits	<b>Dataset Card for ELIS5</b>
<b>Dataset Creation</b> Curation Rationale Source Data Annotations Personal and Sensitive I...	<b>Dataset Summary</b>  The ELIS5 dataset is an English-language dataset of questions and answers gathered from three subreddits where users ask factual questions requiring paragraph-length or longer answers. The dataset was created to support the task of open-domain long form abstractive question answering, and covers questions about general topics in its <a href="#">r/explainlikeimfive</a> subset, science in its <a href="#">r/askscience</a> subset, and History in its <a href="#">r/AskHistorians</a> subset.
<b>Considerations for Usin...</b> Social Impact of Dataset Discussion of Biases Other Known Limitations	<b>Supported Tasks and Leaderboards</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>abstractive-qa, open-domain-qa: The dataset can be used to train a model for Open Domain Long Form Question Answering. An LFQA model is presented with a non-factoid and asked to retrieve relevant information from a knowledge source (such as <a href="#">Wikipedia</a>), then use it to generate a multi-sentence answer. The model performance is measured by how high its <a href="#">ROUGE</a> score to the reference is. A <a href="#">BART-based model</a> with a <a href="#">dense retriever</a> trained to draw information from <a href="#">Wikipedia passages</a> achieves a <a href="#">ROUGE-L of 0.149</a>.</li></ul>
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# Datasets: Meta-Datasets

- Benchmarks: LM Evaluation Harness
- Workshops / Shared tasks: GEM
- Robustness evaluation: Robustness Gym

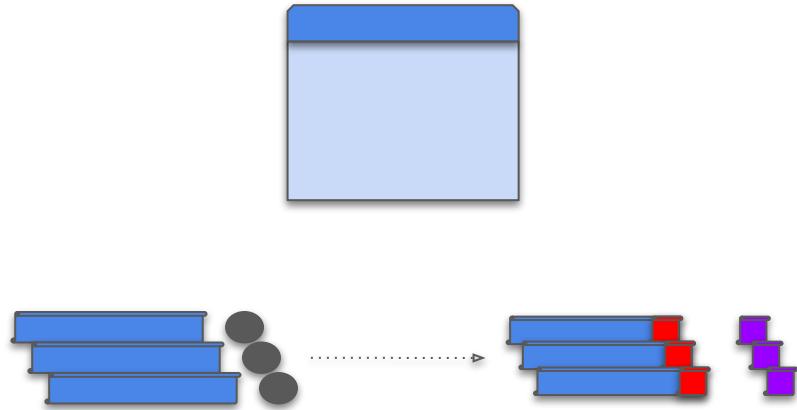
# Preliminary Work: How many data points is a prompt worth?



(Le Scao et al, 2021)

# Finetuning with Prompting

1. Start from pre-trained language model
2. *Modify labeled training data to prompted form*



Natural language decathlon (McCann et al. 2018) - GPT2 (Radford et al. 2019) - GPT3 (Brown et al. 2020) - T5 (Raffel et al. 2019) - PET (Schick et al. 2020) - Zero-shot text classification (Puri et al. 2019)

# Goals

- Sanity check the use of prompts in training.
- Does training with prompts improve over standard labels?
- How can we measure that difference?

# Experimental setup

RoBERTa-Large  
Testing on SuperGLUE + MNLI  
Best of 4 runs on every data size



- Linear classification head
- Fine-tuned via backpropagation on the predicted class
- Task-adaptation with a **prompt** (3-4 different prompts per task)
- Fine-tuned via backpropagation on the predicted **output token**

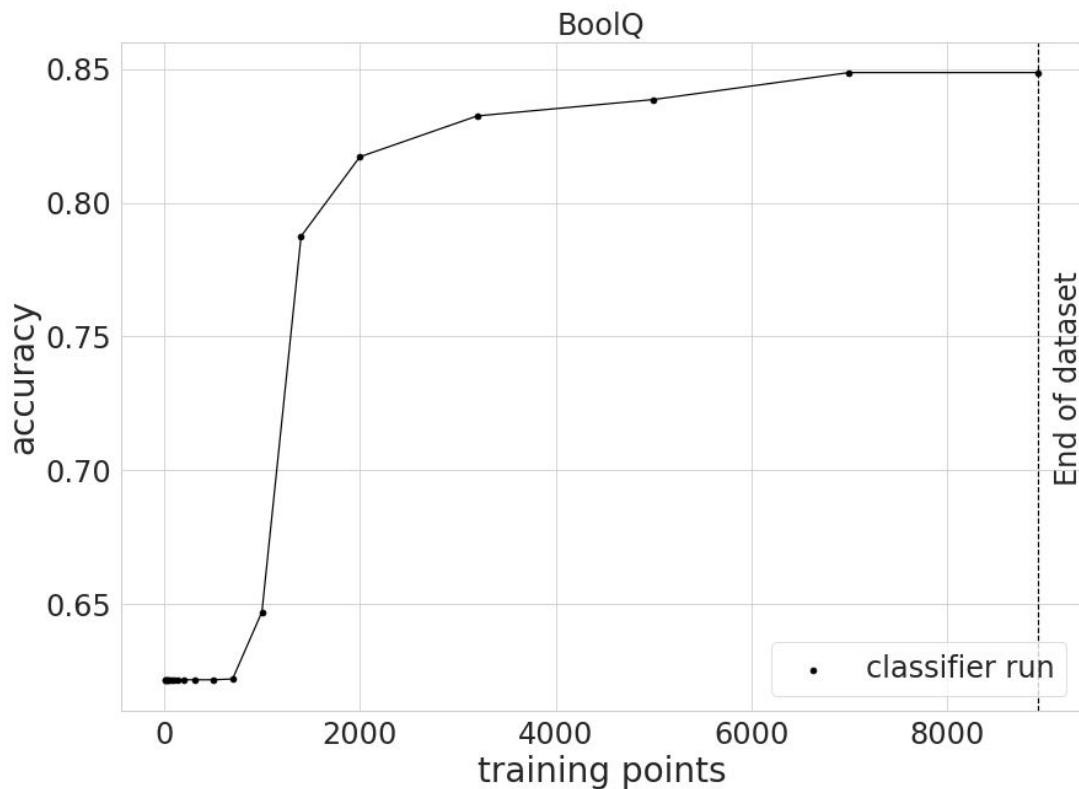
# Choice of prompts

Prompts from *It's Not Just Size That Matters* (Schick and Schütze 2020) For BoolQ, for example:

- {passage}. Question: {question}? Answer: ....
- {passage}. Based on the previous passage, {question}?....

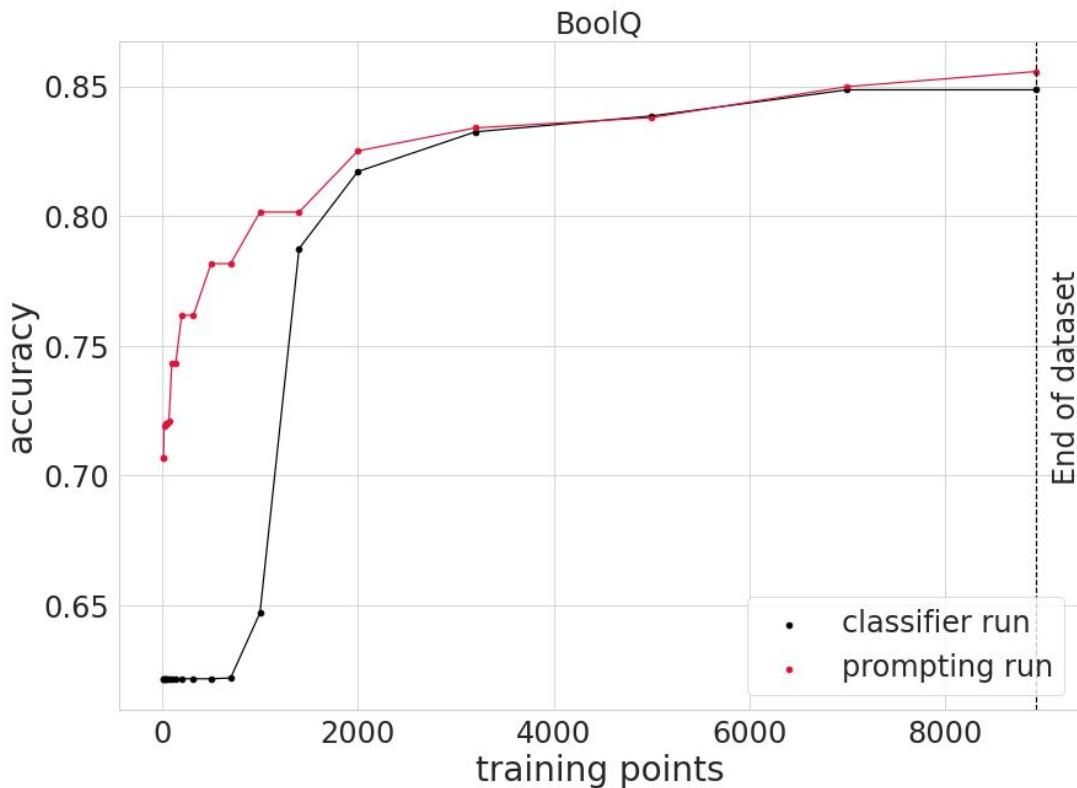
# Data Advantage

Performance vs. dataset size on BoolQ for the classifier model.



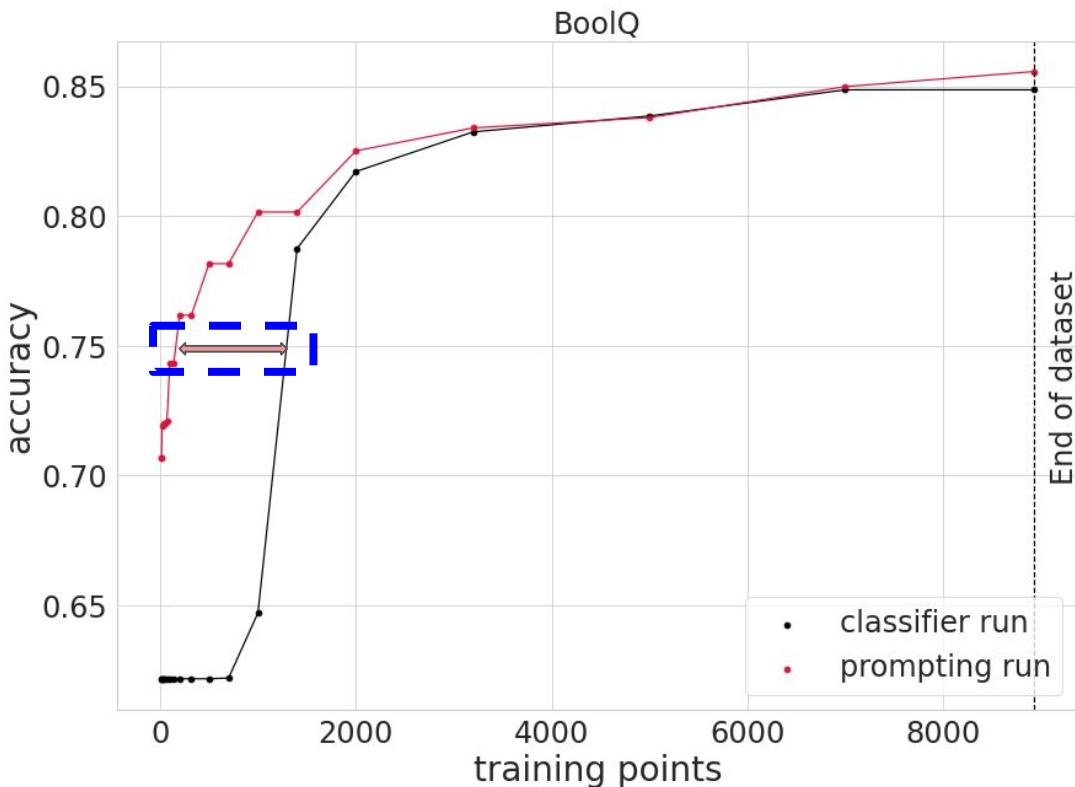
# Data Advantage

Performance vs. dataset size on BoolQ for the classifier and **prompting** models.



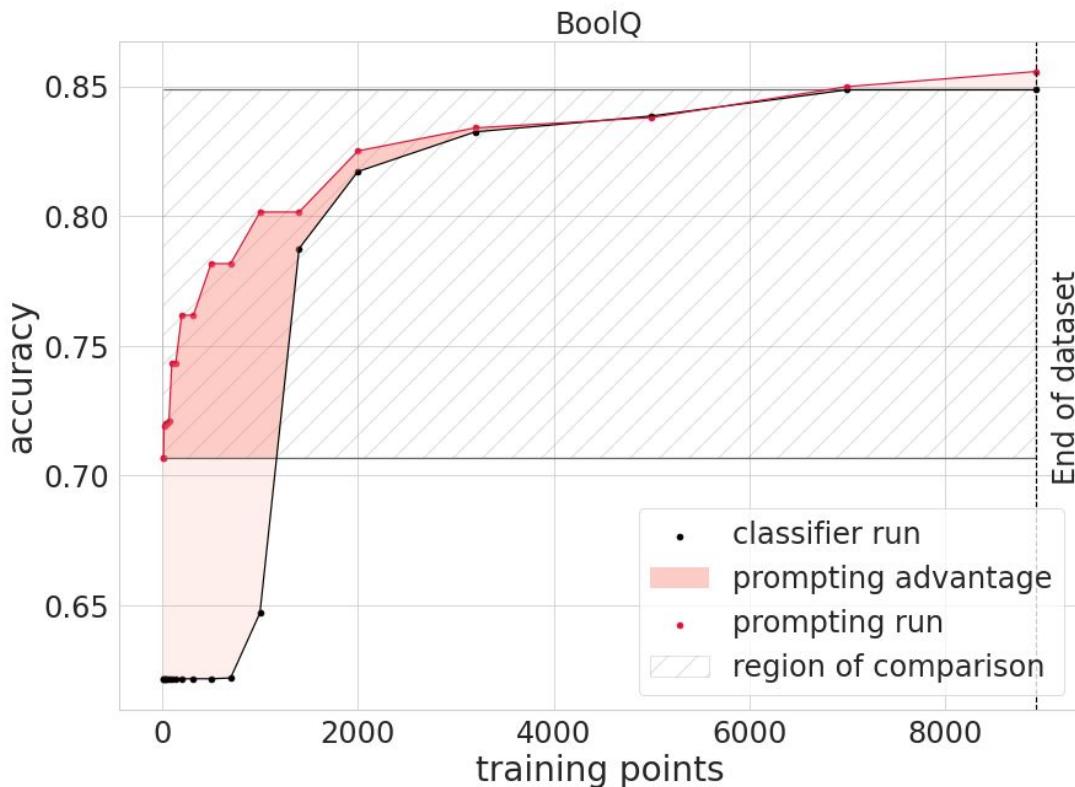
# Data Advantage

The **prompted** model reaches 0.75 accuracy with **1132 data points** less than the classifier.



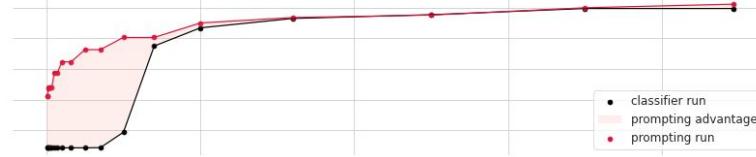
# Data Advantage

Over the whole region, the **prompted model** is **752 data points** ahead of the classifier on average.



# Data advantage (all tasks)

**BoolQ**  
 $752 \pm 46$



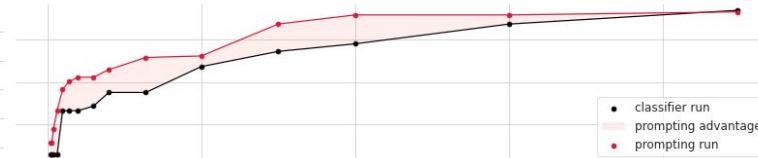
**MultiRC**  
 $384 \pm 378$



**CB**  
 $90 \pm 2$



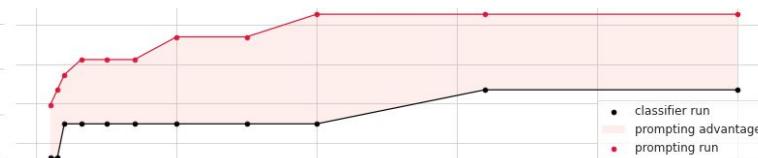
**RTE**  
 $282 \pm 34$



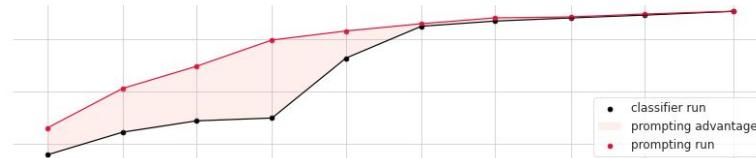
**COPA**  
 $288 \pm 242$



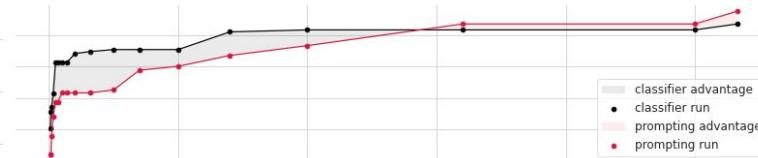
**WSC**  
 $281 \pm 137$



**MNLI**  
 $3506 \pm 536$   
(x log scale)



**WiC**  
 $-424 \pm 74$



# What we know

- Does the model understand the prompt?
  - Probably not. (Webson & Pavlick, 2022)
- Does the prompt need to be human understandable?
  - Not clear, particularly in few-shot versions.
- What can we say?
  - Language is a convenient modality for task encoding.

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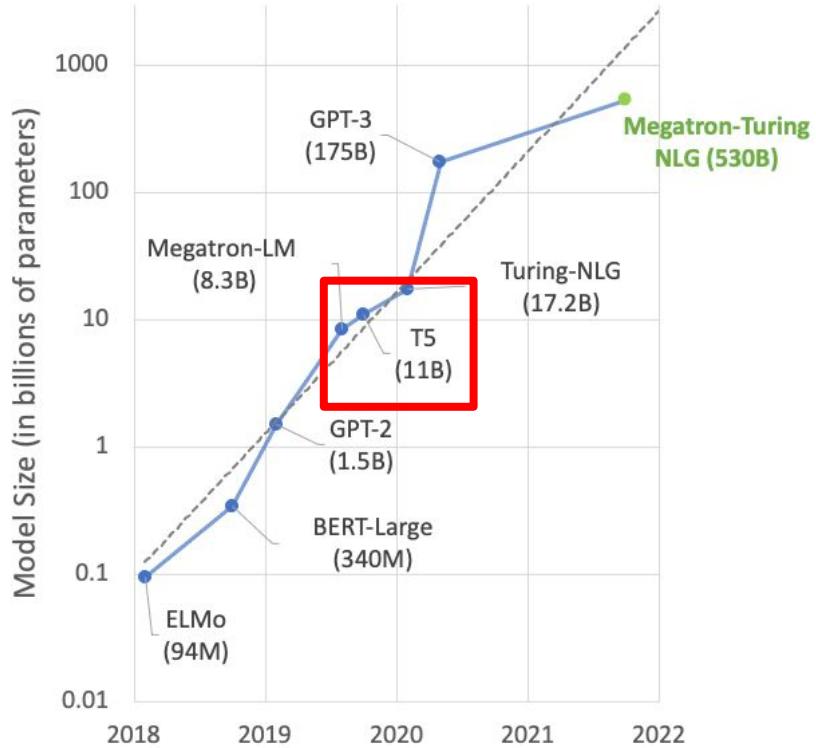


(Sanh et al, 2022)

# Research Question

- Can we induce zero-shot task transfer through pretraining on prompts?
- Practical benefit → Smaller models with zero-shot ability
- Research → Generic pretraining versus targeted induction.

# Review: T5



*Text-to-Text  
Transfer  
Transformer*



# T5 - Unsupervised Pretraining Stage

The cabs \_\_\_ the same rates as those \_\_\_ by horse-drawn cabs and were \_\_\_ quite popular, \_\_\_ the Prince of Wales (the \_\_\_ King Edward VII) travelled in \_\_\_. The cabs quickly \_\_\_ known as "hummingbirds" for \_\_\_ noise made by their motors and their distinctive black and \_\_\_ livery. Passengers \_\_\_ \_\_\_ the interior fittings were \_\_\_ when compared to \_\_\_ cabs but there \_\_\_ some complaints \_\_\_ the \_\_\_ lighting made them too \_\_\_ to those outside \_\_\_.

**T5**

charged, used, initially, even, future, became, the, yellow, reported, that, luxurious, horse-drawn, were that, internal, conspicuous, cab

For example, we might train a single model on many tasks, but

**T5+LM**

when reporting performance we are allowed to select a different checkpoint for each ...

# T0 Recipe

- Produce templates for turning a large set of datasets to prompts.
- Pretrain T5 LM on those prompts for a significant amount of time.
- Evaluate model on tasks it has not seen before.

Generalization	Task	Dataset	Prompt	Instances
(i.i.d.) new examples	≡	≡	≡	≠
new instructions	≡	≡	≠	≠
new domain	≡	≠	≠	≠
new “skill”	≠	≠	≠	≠

Increasing  
generalization

## Summarization

The picture appeared on the wall of a Poundland store on Whymark Avenue [...] How would you rephrase that in a few words?

## Paraphrase identification

"How is air traffic controlled?" "How do you become an air traffic controller?"  
Pick one: these questions are duplicates or not duplicates.

## Question answering

I know that the answer to "What team did the Panthers defeat?" is in "The Panthers finished the regular season [...]" . Can you tell me what it is?

## Multi-task training

## Zero-shot generalization

## Natural language inference

Suppose "The banker contacted the professors and the athlete". Can we infer that "The banker contacted the professors"?

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Graffiti artist Banksy is believed to be behind [...]

Not duplicates

Arizona Cardinals

Yes

# PromptSource: Prompts for Training

## Closed-book question answering

<http://www.autos weblog.com/cat/trivia-questions-from-the-50s>

who was frank sinatra? a: an american singer, actor, and producer.

## Paraphrase identification

<https://www.usingenglish.com/forum/threads/60200-Do-these-sentences-mean-the-same>

Do these sentences mean the same? No other boy in this class is as smart as the boy. No other boy is as smart as the boy in this class.

## Natural Language Inference

<https://ell.stackexchange.com/questions/121446/what-does-this-sentence-imply>

If I say: He has worked there for 3 years. does this imply that he is still working at the moment of speaking?

## Summarization

<https://blog.nytsoi.net/tag/reddit>

... Lately I've been seeing a pattern regarding videos stolen from other YouTube channels, reuploaded and monetized with ads. These videos are then mass posted on Reddit by bots masquerading as real users. tl;dr: Spambots are posting links to stolen videos on Reddit, copying comments from others to masquerade as legitimate users.

## Pronoun resolution

<https://nursecheung.com/ati-teas-guide-to-english-language-usage-understanding-pronouns/>

Jennifer is a vegetarian, so she will order a nonmeat entrée. In this example, the pronoun she is used to refer to Jennifer.

## QQP (Paraphrase)

Question1	How is air traffic controlled?
Question2	How do you become an air traffic controller?
Label	0

{Question1} {Question2}  
Pick one: These questions  
are duplicates or not  
duplicates.

I received the questions  
"{Question1}" and  
"{Question2}". Are they  
duplicates?

{Choices[label]}

{Choices[label]}

## XSum (Summary)

Document	The picture appeared on the wall of a Poundland store on Whymark Avenue...
Summary	Graffiti artist Banksy is believed to be behind...

{Document}  
How would you  
rephrase that in  
a few words?

{Summary}

First, please read the article:  
{Document}  
Now, can you write me an  
extremely short abstract for it?

{Summary}

# Prompt Template Language

## Jinja template

Input template

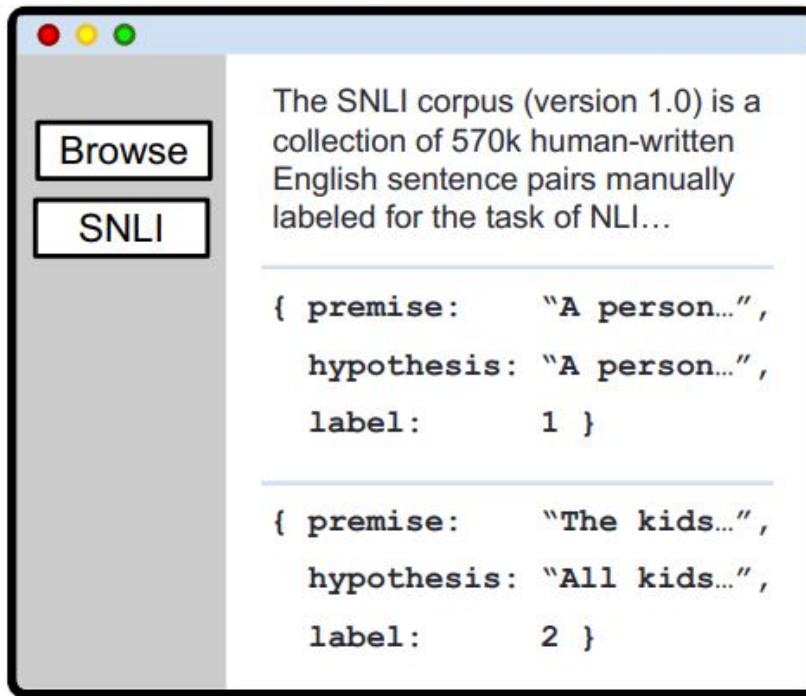
```
{{premise}}
```

```
Question: {{hypothesis}} True, False, or Neither?
```

Target template

```
{{ answer_choices[label] }}
```

## S1: Exploration



The SNLI corpus (version 1.0) is a collection of 570k human-written English sentence pairs manually labeled for the task of NLI...

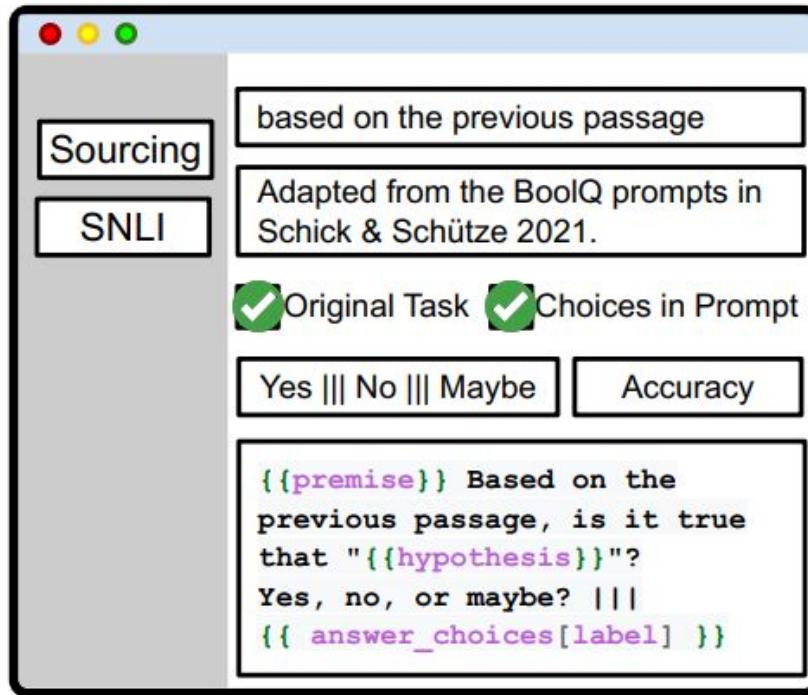
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```
{ premise: "A person...",
  hypothesis: "A person...",
  label: 1 }
```

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```
{ premise: "The kids...",
  hypothesis: "All kids...",
  label: 2 }
```

## S2 + S3 + S4: Creation



## S5: Review

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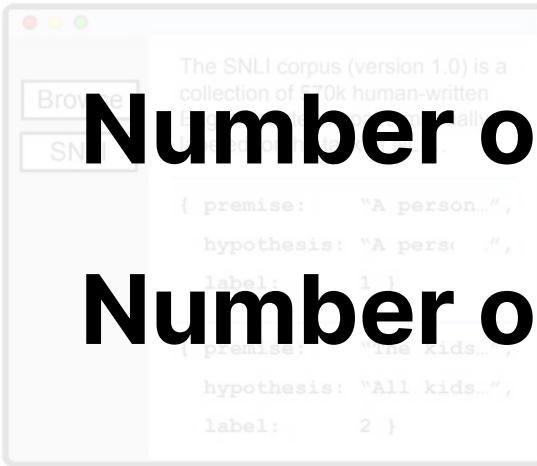
"A person..." Based on the previous passage, is it true that "A person..."? Yes, no, or maybe? |||  
Maybe

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"The kids..." Based on the previous passage, is it true that "All kids..."?  
Yes, no, or maybe? |||  
No

# Number of *prompted datasets*: 180

# Number of *prompts*: 2085



# Prompt Template Language

Answer Choices Key

```
{{choice1}} ||| {{choice2}}
```

Template

```
{{ premise }}
```

I am hesitating between two options. Help me choose the more likely {  
% if question == "cause"  
% } cause:  
% else %}  
effect:  
% endif %  
- {{choice1}}  
- {{choice2}} ||| {  
% if label != -1 %}{  
% answer\_choices[label] %}{  
% endif %}

Save

## Prompt + X

My body cast a shadow over  
the grass.

I am hesitating between two  
options. Help me choose the  
more likely cause:

- The sun was rising.
- The grass was cut.

Y

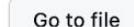
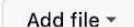
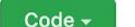
The sun was rising.

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 **About**

Toolkit for collecting and applying templates of prompting instances

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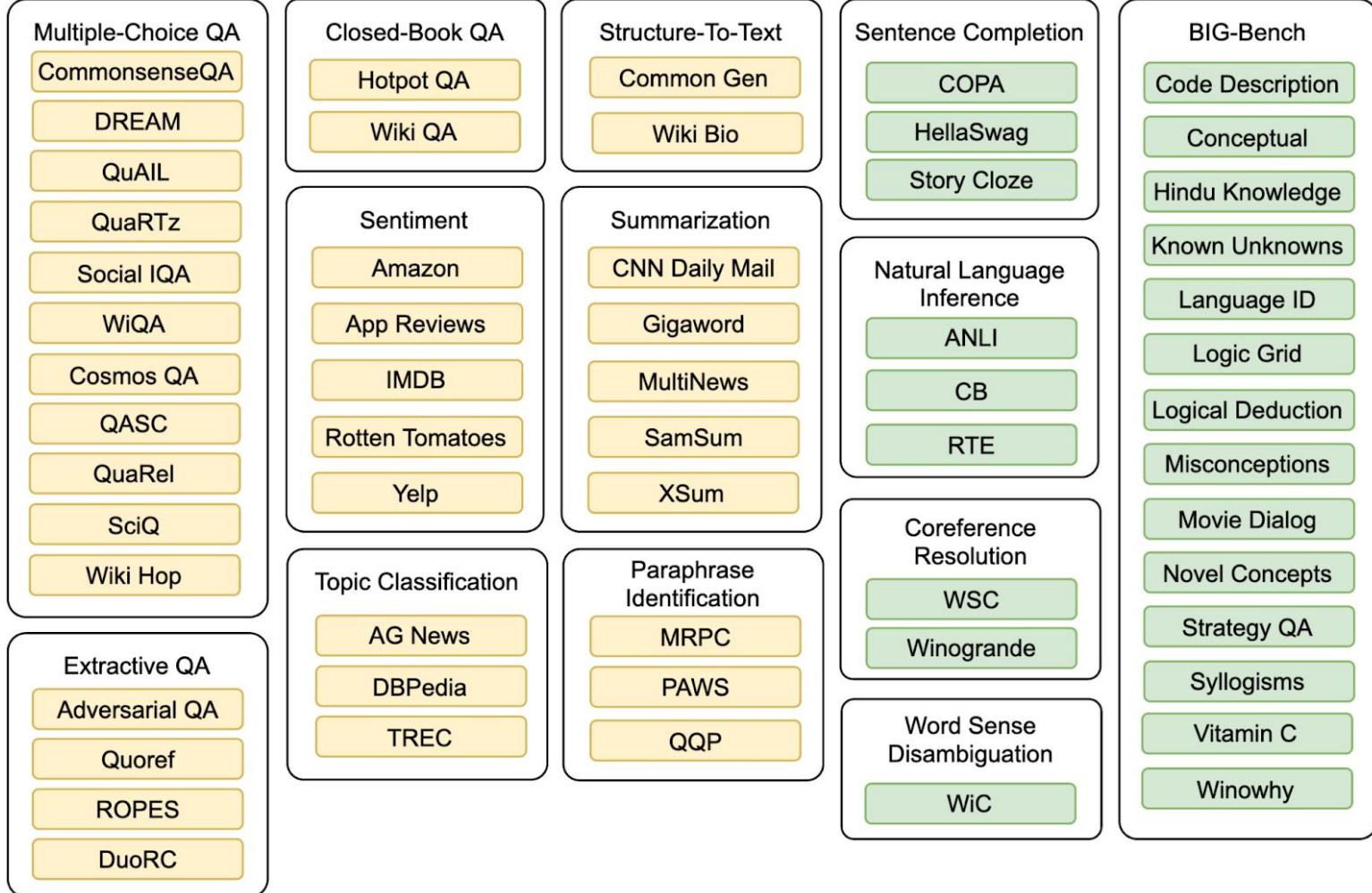
# Extensions: BigBIO

Task Type	Input	Label
RE	Taken together, these results make it clear that @chemical\$-bound forms of ORC and @protein\$ are likely to be required for productive interactions and pre-RC formation.	bind
COREF	We investigated the potential of the @aryl hydrocarbon receptor\$ (@AHR\$) to suppress NF-kappaB regulated-gene expression, especially acute-phase genes, such as serum amyloid A (Saa).	coref
EAE	v-erbA @Gene_expression\$ is required to @Negative_regulation\$ c-erbA function in erythroid cell differentiation and regulation of the erbA target gene CAII.	cause

# Comparison: Natural Instructions v2

- PromptSource was post-hoc instruction generation
- PromptSource has less tasks, but multiple instructions per task
- PromptSource tasks are single language.

# T0 - Experiments

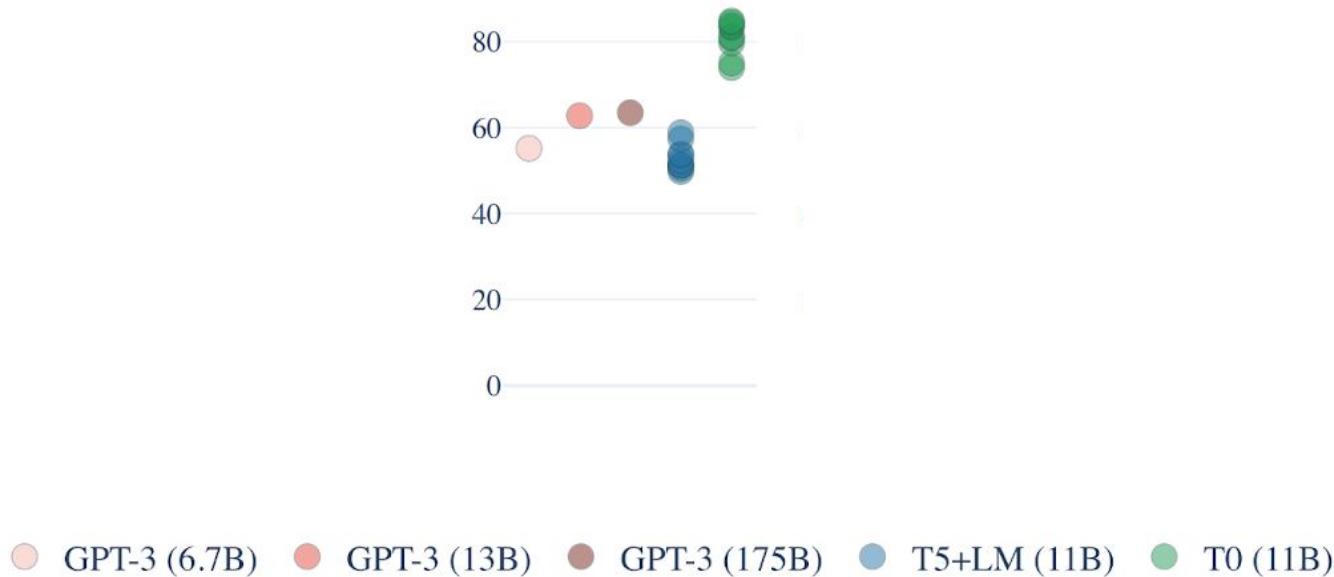


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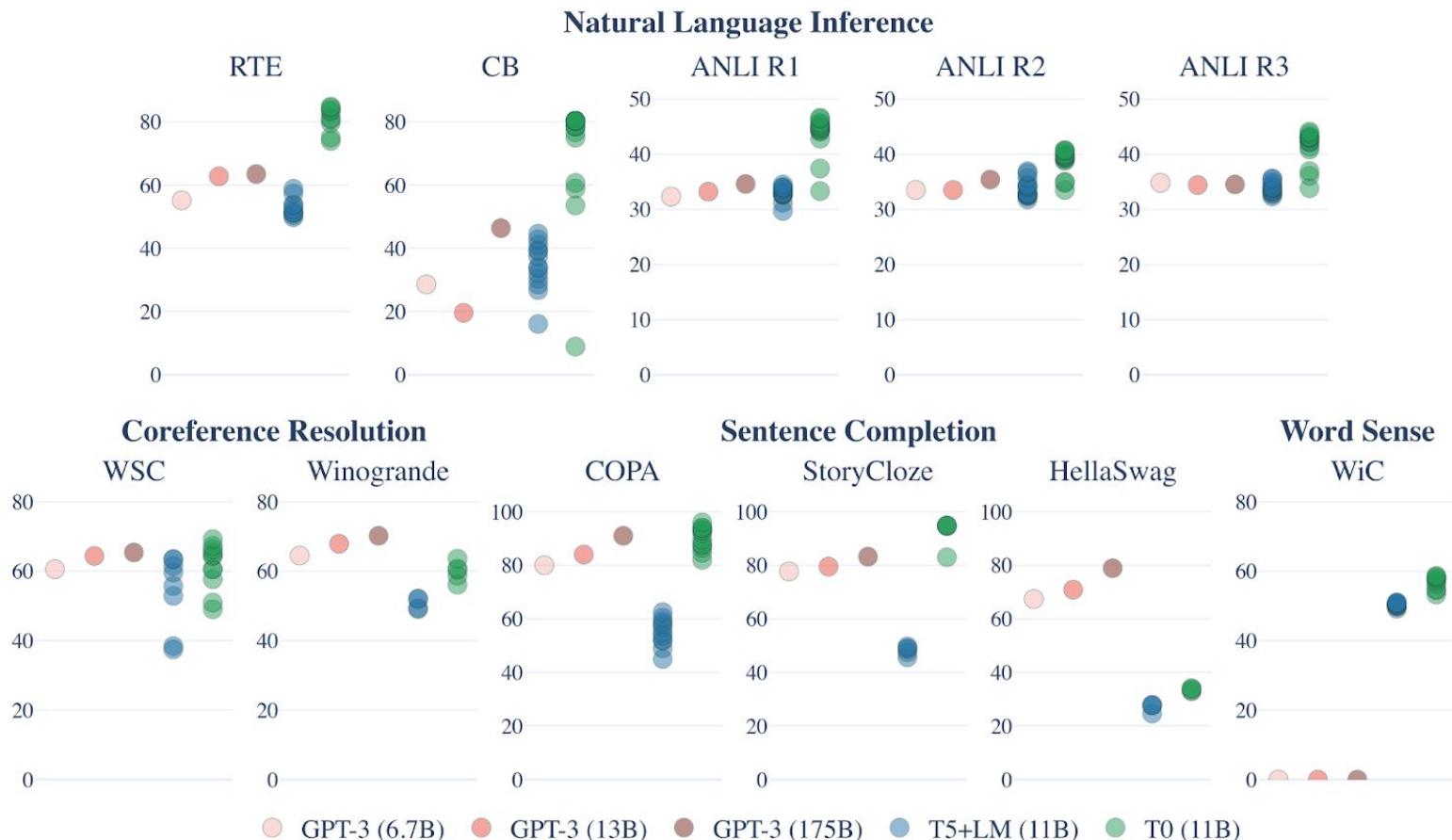
- Based on T5-LM model , 11B parameters
- Comparison to GPT-3 (6.7, 13, 175 B parameters)
  - GPT-3 (6.7B)
  - GPT-3 (13B)
  - GPT-3 (175B)
  - T5+LM (11B)
  - T0 (11B)

- Uniformly sampled from datasets and prompts
- Evaluated on held out task types, across prompts

## RTE



# *Performance on held-out tasks*



# BIG-Bench

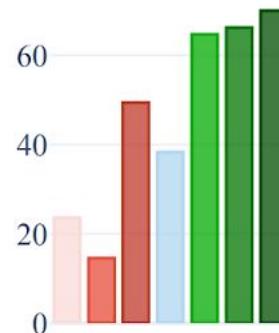
- Evaluation data set meant to test very different tasks
- Comparison with 3 Google LMs (8.5B, 28B, 68B)
- Three versions of T0 11B trained with different tasks.

■ LM (8.5B) ■ LM (28B) ■ LM (68B) ■ T5+LM (11B) ■ T0 (11B) ■ T0+ (11B) ■ T0++ (11B)

# BIG-Bench

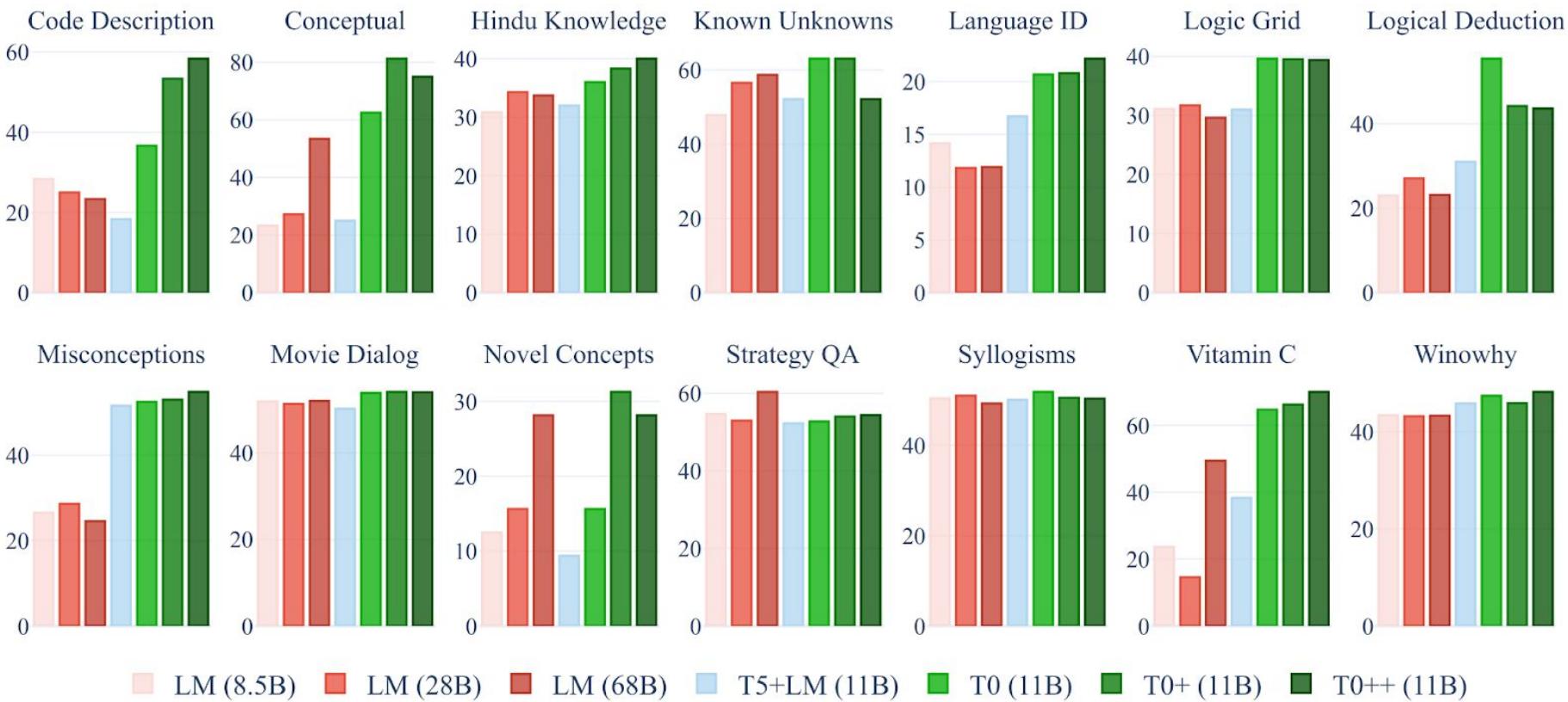
Based only on the information contained in a brief quote from Wikipedia, answer whether the related claim is True, False or Neither. Use Neither when the Wikipedia quote does not provide the necessary information to resolve the question. Input: {claim} ....

Vitamin C



- LM (8.5B) ■ LM (28B) ■ LM (68B) ■ T5+LM (11B) ■ T0 (11B) ■ T0+ (11B) ■ T0++ (11B)

# *Performance on BIG-Bench subset*



*More prompts are better than one*

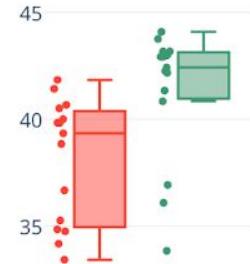
ANLI R3

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45

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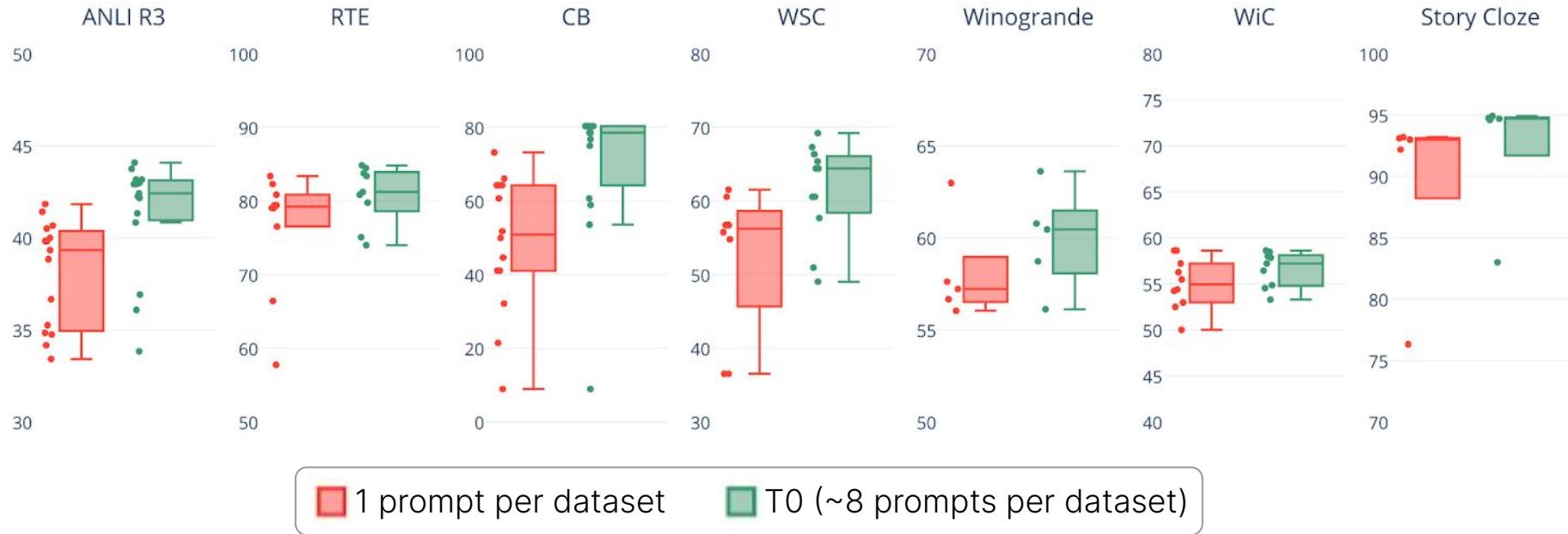


1 prompt per dataset

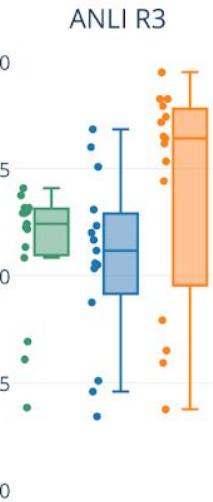


T0 (~8 prompts per dataset)

# *More prompts are better than one*



*Adding datasets (usually) helps*



T0

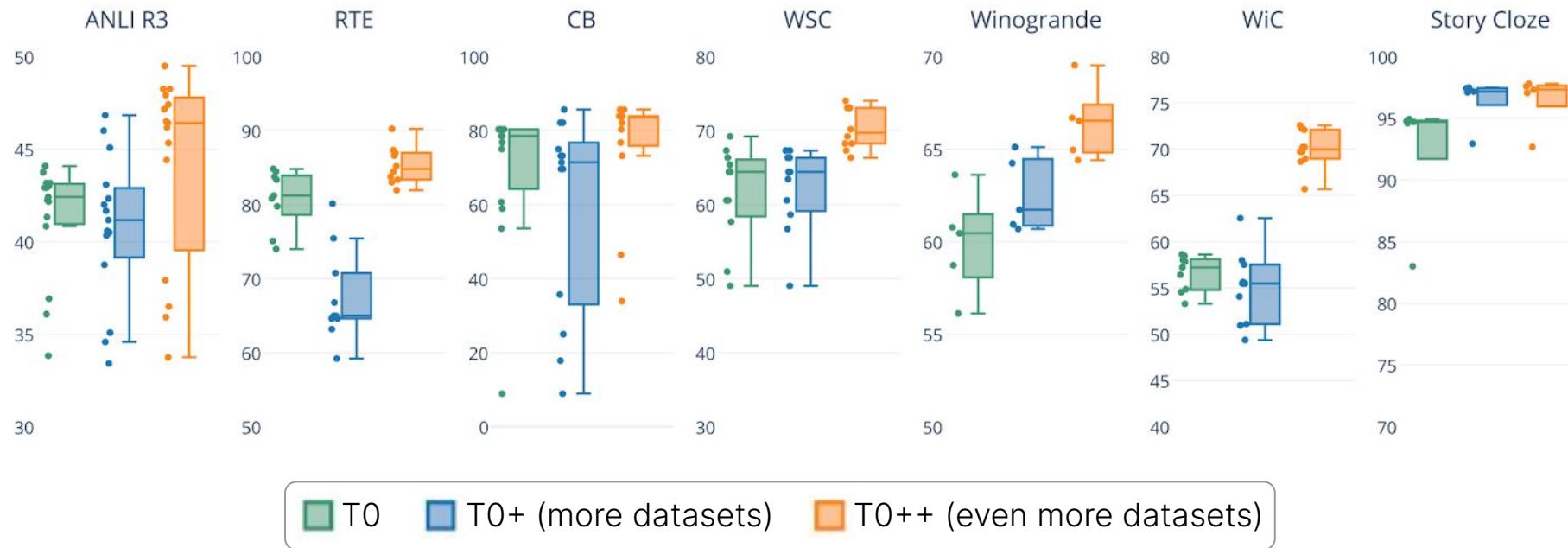


T0+ (more datasets)



T0++ (even more datasets)

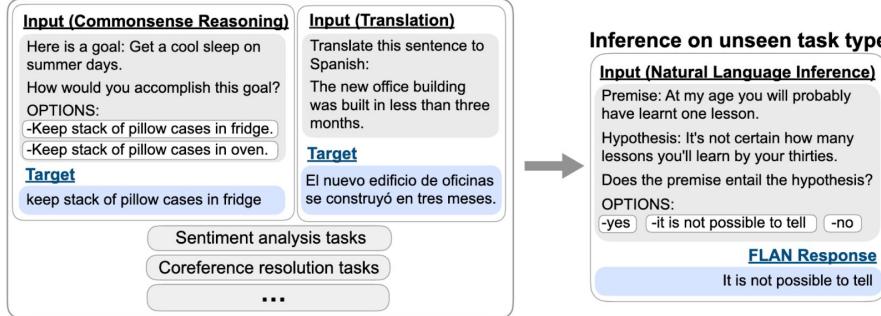
# *Adding datasets (usually) helps*



# FINETUNED LANGUAGE MODELS ARE ZERO-SHOT LEARNERS

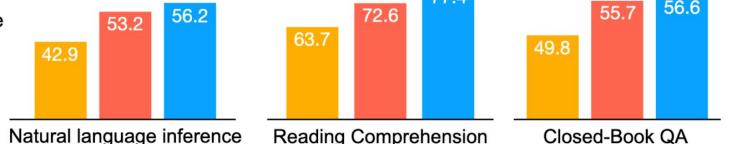
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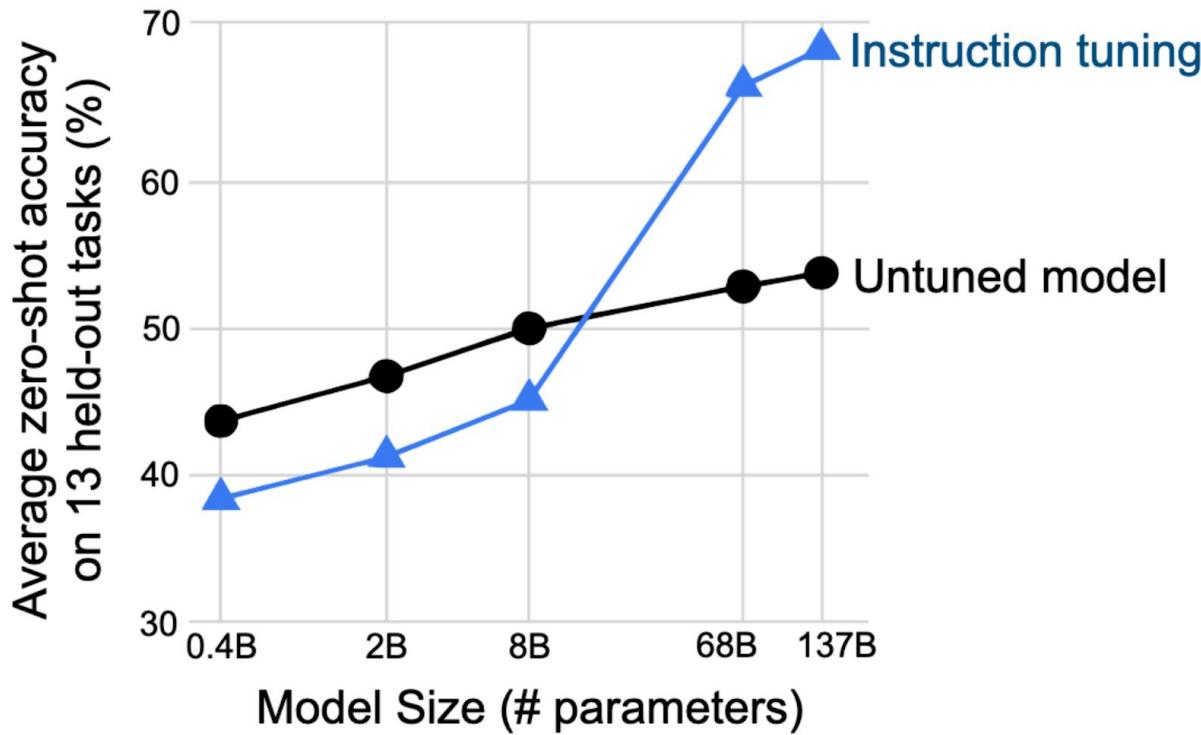
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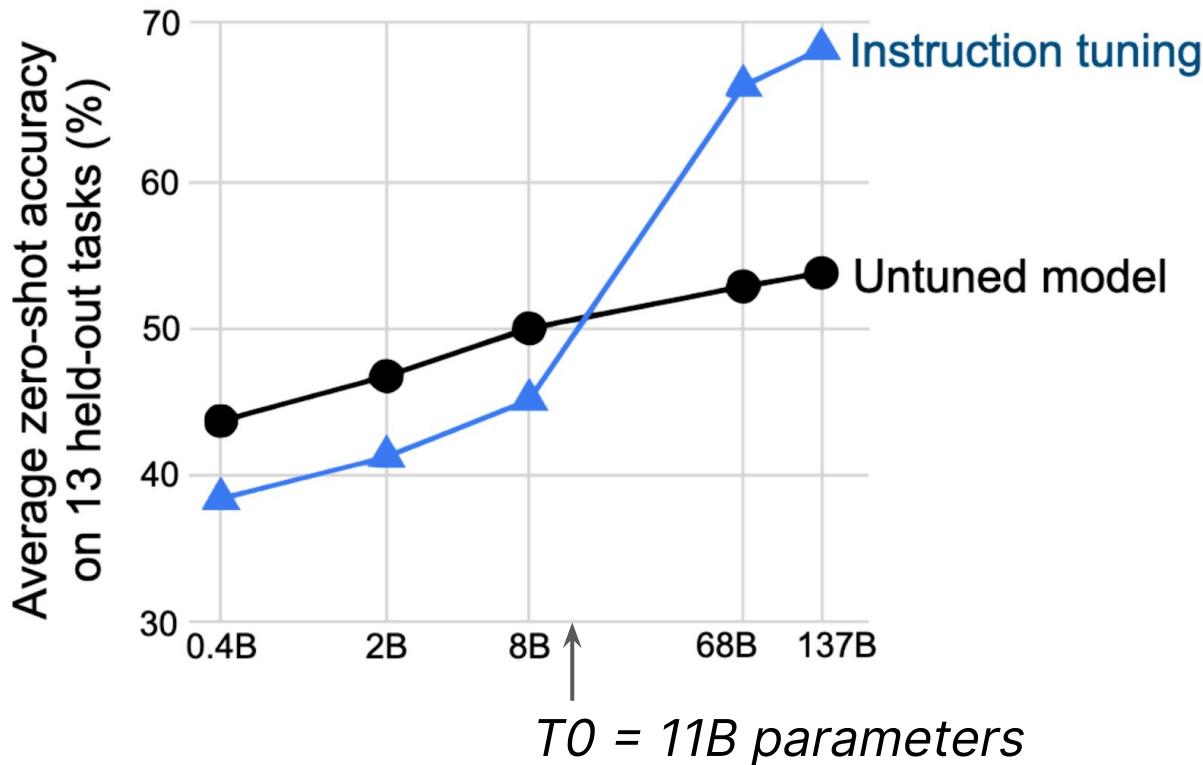


■ GPT-3 175B zero shot ■ GPT-3 175B few-shot ■ FLAN 137B zero-shot

Performance  
on unseen  
task types



**B**Performance on held-out tasks

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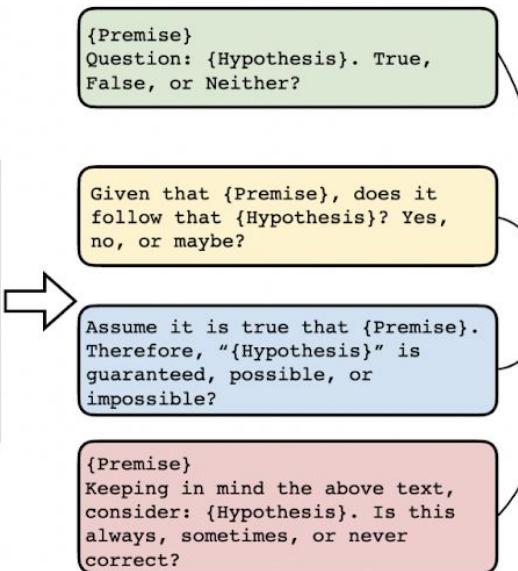
# Caveats

- Task accuracy is dependent on the prompt format / wording
- For each of these tasks numbers are low in an absolute sense (zero-shot)
- Approach does not extend automatically to in-context learning (Natural instructions Wang et al. 2022)
- No evidence (in this work) of prompt understanding in a complex sense

# Usage

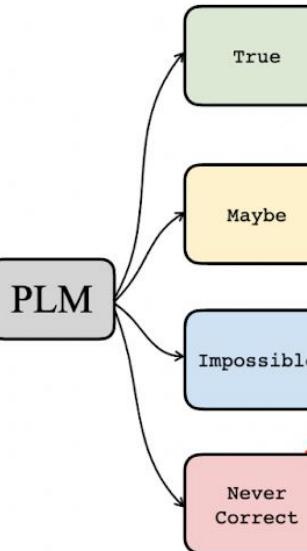
Premise: World leaders expressed concern that North Korea will quit six-party nuclear disarmament talks and will bolster its nuclear weapons arsenal

Hypothesis: North Korea says it has a stockpile of nuclear weapons and is building more.

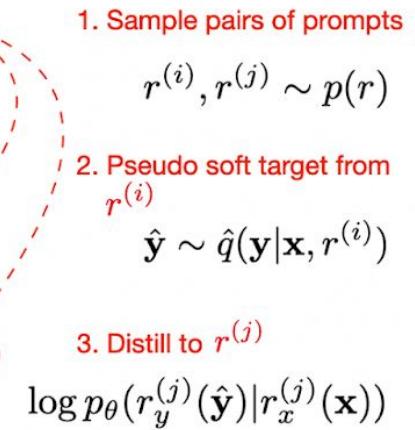


Unlabeled Input

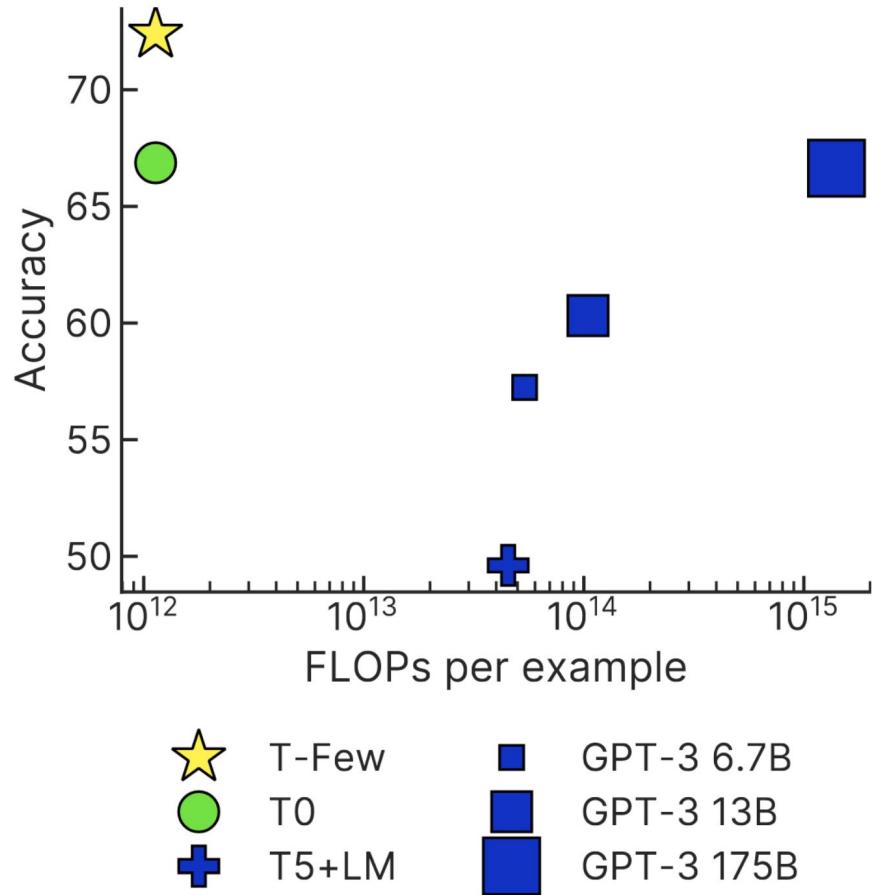
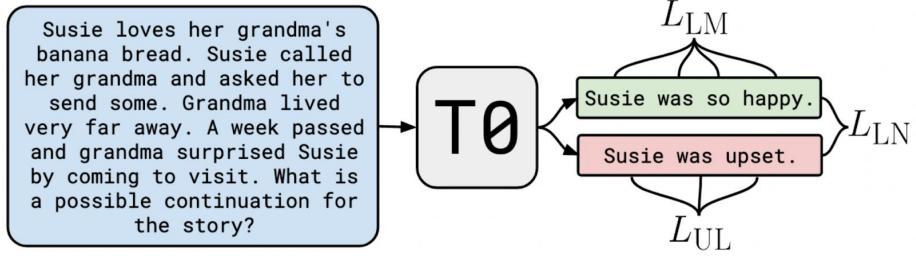
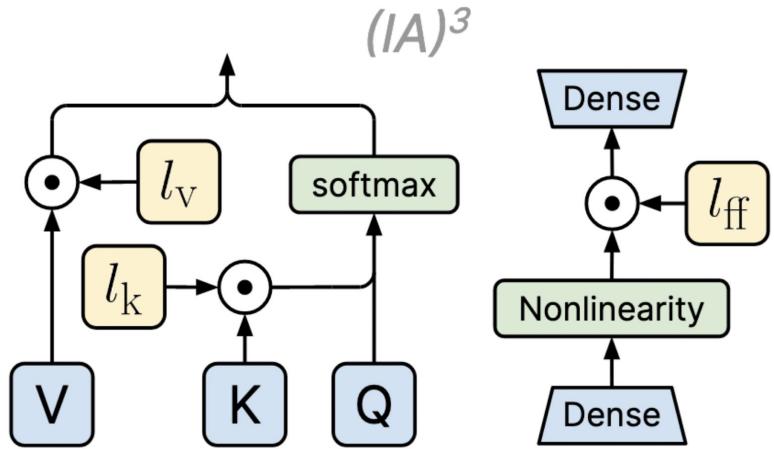
Apply Multiple Task Prompts



Predict Prompt-Formatted Target



Swarm Distillation



from "Few-Shot Parameter-Efficient Fine-Tuning is Better and Cheaper than In-Context Learning", Liu et al. 2022

### Prompt Template

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||{{q1}}:{{article}}
||Question:{{question}}
||{{q2}}
||- A: {{options.0}}
||- B: {{options.1}}
||- C: {{options.2}}
||- D: {{options.3}}
```

### Possible Answers (sep by |||)

0 A 1 B 2 C 3 D

Preview 9 Variants for 20 samples

### Prompt variable variants {{q1}}

- | Text
- | Article
- | Read this article

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### Prompt variable variants {{q2}}

- | <none>
- | Possible answers:
- | Chose between A, B, C, or D

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# Epilogue: BLOOM

# Large-scale Public Compute

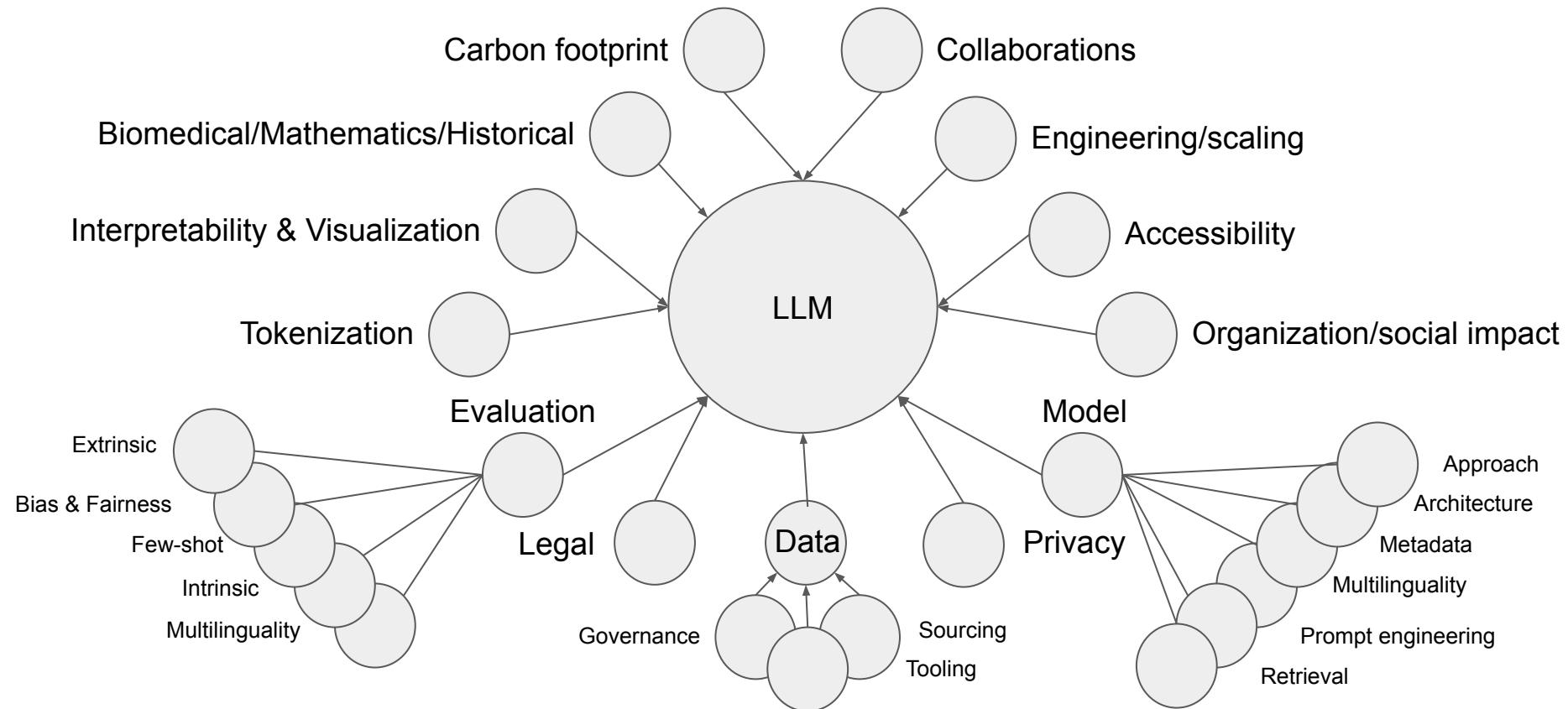
Jean Zay supercomputer at Orsay, France.

## Accelerated partition (or GPU partition)

- 261 four-GPU accelerated compute nodes with:
  - 2 Intel Cascade Lake 6248 processors (20 cores at 2.5 GHz), namely 40 cores per node
  - 192 GB of memory per node
  - 4 Nvidia Tesla V100 SXM2 GPUs (32 GB)
- 31 eight-GPU accelerated compute nodes, currently dedicated to the AI community with:
  - 2 Intel Cascade Lake 6226 processors (12 cores at 2.7 GHz), namely 24 cores per node
  - 20 nodes with 384 GB of memory and 11 nodes with 768 GB of memory
  - 8 Nvidia Tesla V100 SXM2 GPUs (32 GB)
- Extension in the summer of 2020, 351 four-GPU accelerated compute nodes with:
  - 2 Intel Cascade Lake 6248 processors (20 cores at 2.5 GHz), namely 40 cores per node
  - 192 GB of memory per node
  - 4 Nvidia Tesla V100 SXM2 GPUs (16 GB)
- Cumulated peak performance of 28 Pflop/s with a total of **2696 Nvidia V100 GPUs**
- JZ 3 expands to 3,152 GPUs (V100s and A100s) - use time: 3 months
- **Omni-PATH interconnection** network 100 Gb/s : 4 links per converged node
- Parallel storage w/capacity of **2.2 PB SSD disks** (GridScaler GS18K SSD)



# How to Train a Language Model



# Open Reporting



Stas Bekman @StasBekman · Dec 31, 2021

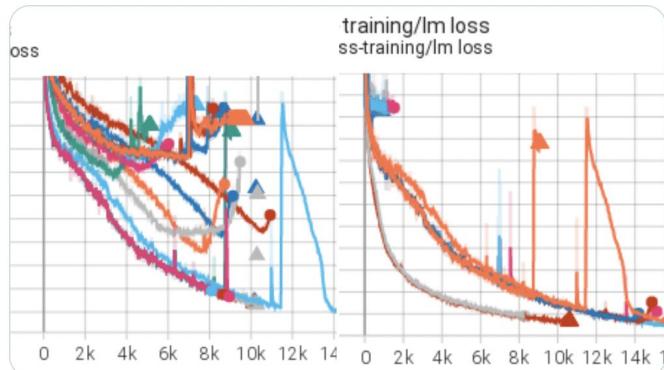
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Here are the last 3 months of 104B GPT2 trial-and-errors at [@BigscienceW](#) in pictures and lessons learned:

[github.com/bigscience-wor...](https://github.com/bigscience-wor...)

It's hard!

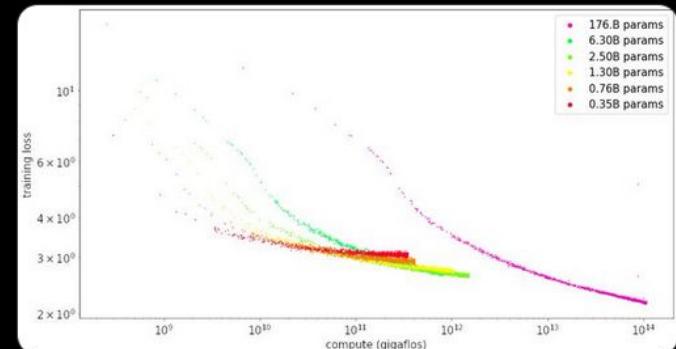
Wishing great breakthroughs to all in the New Year!



Teven Le Scao @Fluke\_Ellington · 20 avr.

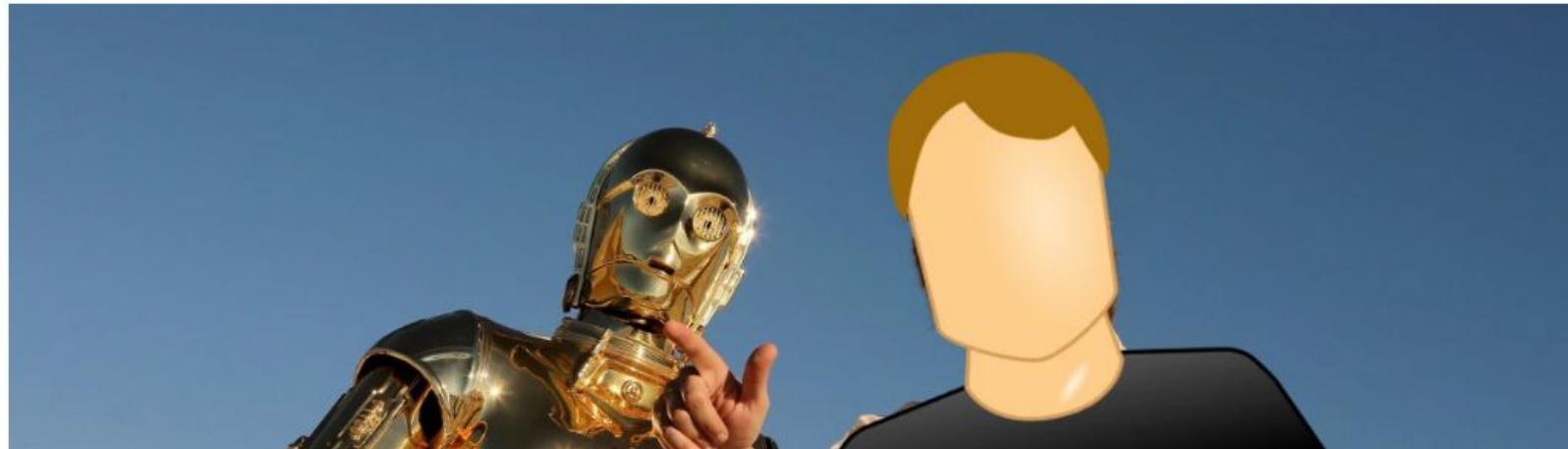
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Scaling loss curves for the [@BigScienceLLM](#) training are nice and smooth - training the beast still feels a bit terrifying but at least the loss curve for the big model is on trend

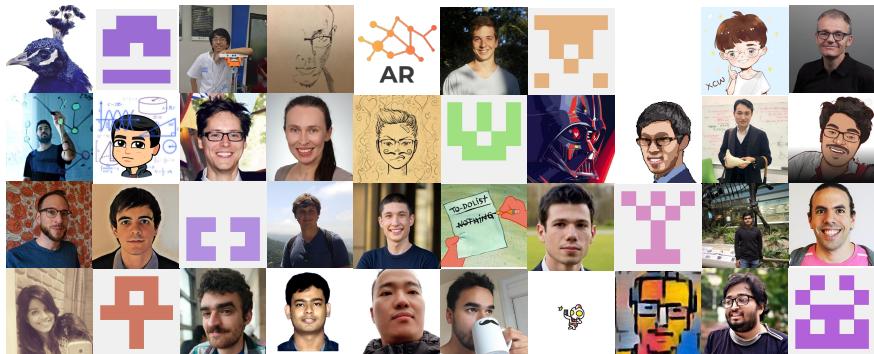


# Release: BLOOM

**Ya puedes usar BLOOM, una IA de código abierto más potente que GPT-3 que es capaz de generar texto en 59 lenguajes**



# BigScience



<https://github.com/bigscience-workshop/t-zero>  
[https://huggingface.co/bigscience/T0{p,pp,\\_3B}](https://huggingface.co/bigscience/T0{p,pp,_3B})